

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S3009–S3088*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-two bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1368–1389, and S. Res. 180–182. **Pages S3059–60**

#### **Measures Reported:**

S. 1376, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. (S. Rept. No. 114–49) **Page S3058**

#### **Measures Passed:**

***Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act:*** Senate passed H.R. 2252, to clarify the effective date of certain provisions of the Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act of 2014. **Page S3014**

***National Schizencephaly Awareness Day:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 181, designating May 19, 2015, as “National Schizencephaly Awareness Day”. **Page S3088**

***Department of Defense Laboratory Day:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 182, expressing the sense of the Senate that Defense laboratories have been, and continue to be, on the cutting edge of scientific and technological advancement and supporting the designation of May 14, 2015, as the “Department of Defense Laboratory Day”. **Page S3088**

#### **Measures Considered:**

**Ensuring Tax Exempt Organizations the Right to Appeal Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1314, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3015–24, S3024–53**

Pending:

Hatch Amendment No. 1221, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3015**

Hatch (for Flake) Amendment No. 1243 (to Amendment No. 1221), to strike the extension of the trade adjustment assistance program. **Page S3015**

Hatch (for Inhofe/Coons) Modified Amendment No. 1312 (to Amendment No. 1221), to amend the African Growth and Opportunity Act to require the development of a plan for each sub-Saharan African country for negotiating and entering into free trade agreements. **Pages S3015, S3026–30**

Hatch (for McCain) Amendment No. 1226 (to Amendment No. 1221), to repeal a duplicative inspection and grading program. **Pages S3015, S3017–22**

Stabenow (for Portman) Amendment No. 1299 (to Amendment No. 1221), to make it a principal negotiating objective of the United States to address currency manipulation in trade agreements. **Pages S3015, S3022–24, S3052–53**

Brown Amendment No. 1251 (to Amendment No. 1221), to require the approval of Congress before additional countries may join the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement. **Pages S3015, S3024–25, S3052**

Wyden (for Shaheen) Amendment No. 1227 (to Amendment No. 1221), to make trade agreements work for small businesses. **Pages S3015, S3017**

Wyden (for Warren) Amendment No. 1327 (to Amendment No. 1221), to prohibit the application of the trade authorities procedures to an implementing bill submitted with respect to a trade agreement that includes investor-state dispute settlement. **Pages S3015, S3025–26, S3031–33**

Hatch Modified Amendment No. 1411 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1299), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S3052, S3053**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the Hatch Amendment No. 1221 to the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, May 21, 2015. **Page S3051**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Hatch Amendment No. 1221 to the bill. **Pages S3051–52**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 20, 2015. **Page S3088**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003, with respect to the stabilization of Iraq; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-18) **Page S3056**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

- 7 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 10 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.
- 1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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**Messages from the House:** **Page S3056**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**  
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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:15 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3088.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill entitled, "Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016".

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development approved for full committee

consideration an original bill entitled, "Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2016".

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jessie Hill Roberson, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Monica C. Regalbuto, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environmental Management), and 808 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

### CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE OVERSIGHT

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Congressional Budget Office, after receiving testimony from Keith Hall, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

### FAA REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization, focusing on air traffic control modernization and reform, after receiving testimony from former Senator Byron Dorgan; Michael P. Huerta, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation; former Michigan Governor John Engler, Business Roundtable, Paul M. Rinaldi, National Air Traffic Controllers Association, and Ed Bolen, National Business Aviation Association, all of Washington, D.C.; and Jeffery A. Smisek, United Airlines, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of Airlines for America.

### ENERGY SUPPLY LEGISLATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 562, to promote exploration for geothermal resources, S. 822, to expand geothermal production, S. 1026, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to repeal a provision prohibiting Federal agencies from procuring alternative fuels, S. 1057, to promote geothermal energy, S. 1058, to promote research, development, and demonstration of marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies, S. 1103, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Clark Canyon Dam, S. 1104, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam, S. 1199, to authorize Federal agencies to provide alternative fuel to Federal employees on a reimbursable basis, S. 1215, to amend the Methane Hydrate Research and Development Act of 2000 to provide for the development of methane hydrate as a commercially viable source of energy, S. 1222, to amend the

Federal Power Act to provide for reports relating to electric capacity resources of transmission organizations and the amendment of certain tariffs to address the procurement of electric capacity resources, S. 1224, to reconcile differing Federal approaches to condensate, S. 1226, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act and the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands to promote a greater domestic helium supply, to establish a Federal helium leasing program for public land, and to secure a helium supply for national defense and Federal researchers, S. 1236, to amend the Federal Power Act to modify certain requirements relating to trial-type hearings with respect to certain license applications before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, S. 1264, to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a renewable electricity standard, S. 1270, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize hydroelectric production incentives and hydroelectric efficiency improvement incentives, S. 1271, to require the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations to prevent or minimize the venting and flaring of gas in oil and gas production operations in the United States, S. 1272, to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the effects of forward capacity auctions and other capacity mechanisms, S. 1276, to amend the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 to increase energy exploration and production on the outer Continental Shelf in the Gulf of Mexico, S. 1278, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to provide for the conduct of certain lease sales in the Alaska outer Continental Shelf region, to make certain modifications to the North Slope Science Initiative, S. 1279, to provide for revenue sharing of qualified revenues from leases in the South Atlantic planning area, S. 1280, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish an annual production incentive fee with respect to Federal onshore and offshore land that is subject to a lease for production of oil or natural gas under which production is not occurring, S. 1282, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to consider the objective of improving the conversion, use, and storage of carbon dioxide produced from fossil fuels in carrying out research and development programs under that Act, S. 1283, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to repeal certain programs, to establish a coal technology program, S. 1285, to authorize the Secretary of Energy to enter into contracts to provide certain price stabilization support relating to electric generation units that use coal-based generation technology, S. 1294, to require the Secretary of Energy and the Secretary of Agriculture to collaborate in promoting the development of efficient, economical, and environmentally sustainable thermally led wood energy

systems, and S. 1304, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a pilot competitive grant program for the development of a skilled energy workforce, after receiving testimony from Abigail Ross Hopper, Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Department of the Interior; Susan N. Kelly, American Public Power Association, Arlington, Virginia; Randal S. Livingston, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Francisco, California; Franz A. Matzner, Natural Resources Defense Council, and Erik Milito, American Petroleum Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and Brent J. Sheets, University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

#### FEDERAL WATER QUALITY PROTECTION ACT

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife concluded a hearing to examine S. 1140, to require the Secretary of the Army and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to propose a regulation revising the definition of the term “waters of the United States”, after receiving testimony from Susan Metzger, Kansas Department of Agriculture Assistant Secretary, Manhattan; Patrick Parenteau, Vermont Law School Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic, Thetford Center; Andrew Lemley, New Belgium Brewing Company, Fort Collins, Colorado; Mark T. Pifher, Colorado Springs Utilities, Colorado Springs, Colorado, on behalf of the National Water Resources Association; and Robert J. Pierce, Wetland Training Institute, Inc., Poolesville, Maryland.

#### FOSTER CARE GROUP HOMES

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine how to safely reduce reliance on foster care group homes, after receiving testimony from Joo Yeun Chang, Associate Commissioner, Children’s Bureau, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Jeremy Kohomban, The Children’s Village, New York, New York; Matthew J. Reynell, Children Awaiting Parents, Rochester, New York; and Alexandra Morgan Gruber, Hamden, Connecticut.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Mileydi Guilarte, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank, Jennifer Ann Haverkamp, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, and Brian James Egan, of Maryland, to be Legal Adviser, both of the Department of

State, Marcia Denise Ocomy, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank for a term of five years, and Sunil Sabharwal, of California, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund for a term of two years.

#### **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION OVERSIGHT**

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, focusing on examining EEOC's enforcement and litigation programs, after receiving testimony from Jenny R. Yang, Chair, and P. David Lopez, General Counsel, both of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

#### **LAW ENFORCEMENT BODY CAMERAS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism concluded a hearing to examine body cameras, focusing on whether technology can increase protection for law enforcement officers and the public, after receiving testimony from Senator Scott; Peter A. Weir, First Judicial District, Golden, Colorado, on behalf of the National District Attorneys Association; Lindsay Miller, Police Executive Research Forum, and Wade Henderson, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, both of Washington, D.C.; and Jarrod Bruder, South Carolina Sheriffs' Association, Columbia.

#### **INTELLIGENCE**

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 57 public bills, H.R. 6, 2405–2460 and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 272, 275–278 were introduced. **Pages H3386–88**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H3390–91**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1119, to improve the efficiency of Federal research and development, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–121);

H.R. 874, to amend the Department of Energy High-End Computing Revitalization Act of 2004 to improve the high-end computing research and development program of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–122);

H.R. 1156, to authorize the establishment of a body under the National Science and Technology Council to identify and coordinate international science and technology cooperation opportunities (H. Rept. 114–123);

H.R. 1158, to improve management of the National Laboratories, enhance technology commercialization, facilitate public-private partnerships, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–124);

H.R. 1162, to make technical changes to provisions authorizing prize competitions under the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–125);

H.R. 1561, to improve the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's weather research through a focused program of investment on affordable and attainable advances in observational, computing, and modeling capabilities to support substantial improvement in weather forecasting and prediction of high impact weather events, to expand commercial opportunities for the provision of weather data, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–126);

H. Res. 273, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2262) to facilitate a pro-growth environment for the developing commercial space industry by encouraging private sector investment and creating more stable and predictable regulatory conditions, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 880) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify and make permanent the research credit; providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules; and providing for proceedings during the period from May 22, 2015, through May 29, 2015 (H. Rept. 114–127); and

H. Res. 274, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1335) to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide flexibility for fishery managers and stability for fishermen, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–128).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bost to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3313**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:37 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H3317**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Gregory Goethals, S.J. Loyola High School, Los Angeles, California. **Page H3317**

**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Emmer wherein he resigned from the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Foreign Affairs. **Page H3317**

**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Meehan wherein he resigned from the Committee on Homeland Security. **Page H3318**

**Committee Elections:** The House agreed to H. Res. 272, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H3318**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Monday, May 18th:

*Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015:* S. 178, to provide justice for the victims of trafficking, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 420 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 244. **Pages H3329–30**

**Unanimous Consent Agreement:** Agreed by unanimous consent that the question of adopting a motion to recommit on H.R. 2353 may be subject to postponement as though under clause 8 of rule 20. **Page H3330**

**Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2015:** The House passed H.R. 2353, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, by a recorded vote of 387 yeas to 35 noes with one answering “present”, Roll No. 249. **Pages H3330–39, H3359–61**

Rejected the Esty motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye-and-nay vote of 182 yeas to 241 nays, Roll No. 248.

**Pages H3338–39, H3359–60**

H. Res. 271, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1806), (H.R. 2250), and (H.R. 2353), was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 242 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 243, after the previous question was ordered. **Pages H3321–29**

**Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2016:** The House passed H.R. 2250, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for fiscal year ending

September 30, 2016, by a ye-and-nay vote 357 yeas to 67 nays, Roll No. 247. **Pages H3339–59**

Agreed to:

Flores amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–120) that prohibits any funds for delivering printed copies of the Congressional Pictorial Directory; and **Pages H3354–55**

Ratcliffe amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–120) that zeros out \$5,700,000 in funding for the Open World Leadership Center and applies the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 224 yeas to 199 noes, Roll No. 245). **Pages H3353–54, H3357–58**

Rejected:

Blackburn amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–120) that provides for a one percent across the board cut. Exempts Capitol Police, Architect of the Capitol, and the Sergeant at Arms (by a recorded vote of 172 yeas to 250 noes, Roll No. 246). **Pages H3356–57, H3358–59**

H. Res. 271, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1806), (H.R. 2250), and (H.R. 2353), was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 242 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 243, after the previous question was ordered. **Pages H3321–29**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*American Super Computing Leadership Act:* H.R. 874, to amend the Department of Energy High-End Computing Revitalization Act of 2004 to improve the high-end computing research and development program of the Department of Energy; **Pages H3361–63**

*Science Prize Competitions Act:* H.R. 1162, amended, to make technical changes to provisions authorizing prize competitions under the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980; **Pages H3363–65**

*Research and Development Efficiency Act:* H.R. 1119, amended, to improve the efficiency of Federal research and development; **Pages H3365–66**

*International Science and Technology Cooperation Act of 2015:* H.R. 1156, amended, to authorize the establishment of a body under the National Science and Technology Council to identify and coordinate international science and technology cooperation opportunities; **Pages H3366–67**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To authorize the establishment or designation of a working group under the National Science and Technology Council to identify and coordinate international science and technology cooperation opportunities.”. **Page H3367**

***Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Act of 2015:*** H.R. 1561, amended, to improve the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's weather research through a focused program of investment on affordable and attainable advances in observational, computing, and modeling capabilities to support substantial improvement in weather forecasting and prediction of high impact weather events, and to expand commercial opportunities for the provision of weather data; and **Pages H3367–73**

***Department of Energy Laboratory Modernization and Technology Transfer Act of 2015:*** H.R. 1158, amended, to improve management of the National Laboratories, enhance technology commercialization, and facilitate public-private partnerships. **Pages H3373–77**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the stabilization of Iraq is to continue in effect beyond May 22, 2015—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–40).

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**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate by the Deputy Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H3321.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3329, H3329–30, H3357–58, H3358–59, H3359, H3359–60, and H3360–61. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

## ***Committee Meetings***

### **ADDRESSING WASTE, FRAUD, AND ABUSE IN FEDERAL CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS**

***Committee on Education and the Workforce:*** Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education held a hearing entitled “Addressing Waste, Fraud, and Abuse in Federal Child Nutrition Programs”. Testimony was heard from Kay E. Brown, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Gil Harden, Assistant Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Department of Agriculture; Jessica Lucas-Judy, Acting Director, Forensic Audits and Investigating Service, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

### **DISCUSSION DRAFT ADDRESSING ENERGY RELIABILITY AND SECURITY**

***Committee on Energy and Commerce:*** Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “Discussion Draft Addressing Energy Reliability and Security”. Testimony was heard from Michael Bardee, Director, Office of Electric Reliability, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and public witnesses.

### **OVERSIGHT OF THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION**

***Committee on Energy and Commerce:*** Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Consumer Product Safety Commission”. Testimony was heard from Elliot F. Kaye, Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission; Robert S. Adler, Commissioner, Consumer Product Safety Commission; Ann Marie Buerkle, Commissioner, Consumer Product Safety Commission; Joseph Mohorovic, Commissioner, Consumer Product Safety Commission; public witnesses.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

***Committee on Energy and Commerce:*** Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 6, the “21st Century Cures Act”.

### **THE FUTURE OF HOUSING IN AMERICA: OVERSIGHT OF THE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE**

***Committee on Financial Services:*** Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance held a hearing entitled “The Future of Housing in America: Oversight of the Rural Housing Service”. Testimony was heard from Tony Hernandez, Administrator, Rural Housing Service, Department of Agriculture; and Mathew Scire, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office.

### **PROTECTING CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE: HOW THE FINANCIAL SECTOR ADDRESSES CYBER THREATS**

***Committee on Financial Services:*** Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Protecting Critical Infrastructure: How the Financial Sector Addresses Cyber Threats”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **TRADE PROMOTION AGENCIES AND U.S. FOREIGN POLICY**

***Committee on Foreign Affairs:*** Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Trade Promotion Agencies and U.S. Foreign Policy”. Testimony was heard from Fred P. Hochberg, Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States; Elizabeth L. Littlefield,

President and Chief Executive Officer, Overseas Private Investment Corporation; Leocadia I. Zak, Director, U.S. Trade and Development Agency; and public witnesses.

#### **THE FUTURE OF U.S.-HUNGARY RELATIONS**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats held a hearing entitled “The Future of U.S.-Hungary Relations”. Testimony was heard from Hoyt Brian Yee, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

#### **EXAMINING DHS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORATE'S ENGAGEMENT WITH ACADEMIA AND INDUSTRY**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies held a hearing entitled “Examining DHS Science and Technology Directorate's Engagement with Academia and Industry”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **POLICING STRATEGIES FOR THE 21ST CENTURY**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Policing Strategies for the 21st Century”. Testimony was heard from Sheriff David A. Clarke, Jr., Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office; Susan Lee Rahr, Executive Director, Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission, and Member of President Obama's Task Force on 21st Century Policing; and public witnesses.

#### **ONGOING OVERSIGHT: MONITORING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT'S CIVIL, TAX AND ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISIONS AND THE U.S. TRUSTEE PROGRAM**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing entitled “Ongoing Oversight: Monitoring the Activities of the Justice Department's Civil, Tax and Environment and Natural Resources Divisions and the U.S. Trustee Program”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Justice officials: Benjamin C. Mizer, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division; John C. Cruden, Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division; Caroline D. Ciraolo, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Tax Division; Clifford J. White III, Director, U.S. Trustee Program; and public witnesses.

#### **EMPOWERING STATE MANAGEMENT OF GREATER SAGE GROUSE**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Empowering State Management of Greater Sage Grouse”. Testimony was heard from Kathleen Clarke, Director, Utah Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office, State of Utah; Dustin Miller, Administrator, Idaho Office of Species Conservation, State of Idaho; John Swartout, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Governor John Hickenlooper, State of Colorado; and a public witness.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2395, the “Inspector General Reform Act of 2015”; H.R. 1777, the “Presidential Allowance Modernization Act”; H.R. 1831, the “Evidence-Based Policymaking Commission Act of 2015”; H.R. 451, the “Safe and Secure Federal Websites Act of 2015”; H.R. 1759, the “All Economic Regulations are Transparent (ALERT) Act of 2015”; H.R. 728, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7050 Highway BB in Cedar Hill, Missouri, as the “Sergeant First Class William B. Woods, Jr. Post Office”; H.R. 891, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 141 Paloma Drive in Floresville, Texas, as the “Floresville Veterans Post Office Building”; H.R. 1326, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Mulford Road in Mulberry, Florida, as the “Sergeant First Class Daniel M. Ferguson Post Office”; H.R. 1350, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 442 East 167th Street in Bronx, New York, as the “Herman Badillo Post Office Building”; H.R. 1442, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 Cornell Street in Kingston, New York, as the “Staff Sergeant Robert H. Dietz Post Office Building”; H.R. 1524, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Walter Hammond Place in Waldwick, New Jersey, as the “Staff Sergeant Joseph D'Augustine Post Office Building”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1777, H.R. 1831, and H.R. 451. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 2395, H.R. 1759, H.R. 728, H.R. 891, H.R. 1326, H.R. 1350, H.R. 1442, and H.R. 1524.

**AMERICAN RESEARCH AND COMPETITIVENESS ACT OF 2015; STRENGTHENING FISHING COMMUNITIES AND INCREASING FLEXIBILITY IN FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ACT; SPACE ACT OF 2015**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 880, the “American Research and Competitiveness Act of 2015”; H.R. 1335, the “Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act”; and H.R. 2262, the “SPACE Act of 2015”. The committee granted, by a record vote of 9–4, a structured rule for H.R. 1335. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–16 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, may be withdrawn by the proponent at any time before action thereon, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule for H.R. 2262. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–17 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part A of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable

for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part A of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Additionally, the rule granted a closed rule for H.R. 880. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means, modified by the amendment printed in part B of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 3, the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of May 21, 2015, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules. In section 4, the rule provides that the Committee on Appropriations may, at any time before 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27, 2015, file privileged reports to accompany measures making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. In section 5, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from May 22, 2015, through May 29, 2015: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. In section 6, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 5. Testimony was heard from Chairman Bishop of Utah, Chairman Ryan of Wisconsin, Chairman Smith of Texas, and Representatives Huffman, Young of Alaska, Graves of Louisiana, Jones, Austin Scott of Georgia, Crowley, and Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas.

**IMPROVING CAPITAL ACCESS PROGRAMS WITHIN THE SBA**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access held a hearing entitled “Improving Capital Access Programs within the SBA”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.



**PACIFIC NORTHWEST SEISMIC HAZARDS: PLANNING AND PREPARING FOR THE NEXT DISASTER**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled “Pacific Northwest Seismic Hazards: Planning and Preparing for the Next Disaster”. Testimony was heard from Robert J. Fenton, Jr., Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Response and Recovery, Federal Emergency Management Agency; and public witnesses.

**IMPROVING COMPETITION IN MEDICARE: REMOVING MORATORIA AND EXPANDING ACCESS**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Improving Competition in Medicare: Removing Moratoria and Expanding Access”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

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S. 665, to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, is missing in connection with the officer’s official duties, or an imminent and credible threat that an individual intends to cause the serious injury or death of a law enforcement officer is received. Signed on May 19, 2015. (Public Law 114–12)

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to receive a closed briefing on Syria, 11 a.m., SVC–217.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* business meeting to consider S. 1331, to help enhance commerce through improved seasonal forecasts, S. 1297, to update the Commercial Space Launch Act by amending title 51, United States Code, to promote competitiveness of the U.S. commercial space sector, S. 1326, to amend certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, S. 1040, to direct the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the National Academy of Sciences to study the vehicle handling requirements proposed by the

Commission for recreational off-highway vehicles and to prohibit the adoption of any such requirements until the completion of the study, S. 1359, to allow manufacturers to meet warranty and labeling requirements for consumer products by displaying the terms of warranties on Internet websites, S. 806, to amend section 31306 of title 49, United States Code, to recognize hair as an alternative specimen for preemployment and random controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers and for other purposes, S. 1315, to protect the right of law-abiding citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding a patchwork of local and State prohibitions, S. 1334, to strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, to amend the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950 to implement the Antigua Convention, S. 1335, to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Tokyo on February 24, 2012, S. 1251, to implement the Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, as adopted by Lisbon, Portugal on September 28, 2007, S. 1336, to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Auckland on November 14, 2009, H.R. 1020, to define STEM education to include computer science, and to support existing STEM education programs at the National Science Foundation, H.R. 710, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to prepare a comprehensive security assessment of the transportation security card program, and the nominations of Daniel R. Elliott III, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2018, Mario Cordero, of California, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2019, and a routine list in the Coast Guard, 10:30 a.m., SR–253.

Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine improvements and innovations in fishery management and data collection, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Management, and Regulatory Oversight, to hold an oversight hearing to examine scientific advisory panels and processes at the Environmental Protection Agency, including S. 543, to amend the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1978 to provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications, public participation, 9:30 a.m., SD–406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine U.S. Cuban relations, focusing on the way forward, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Gregory T. Delawie, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo, Ian C. Kelly, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Georgia, Nancy Bikoff Pettit, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia, Azita Raji, of California, to be Ambassador to the

Kingdom of Sweden, and Julieta Valls Noyes, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia, all of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, focusing on exploring institutional risk-sharing, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, to hold hearings to examine 21st century ideas for the 20th century Federal civil service, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine addressing the needs of Native communities through Indian Water Rights Settlements, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold hearings to examine taking sexual assault seriously, focusing on the rape kit backlog and human rights, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of multiple veterans service organizations, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Special Committee on Aging:* to hold hearings to examine solutions to the hospital observation stay crisis, 2:15 p.m., SD-562.

## House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2393, to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to repeal country of origin labeling requirements with respect to beef, pork, and chicken, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2394, the "National Forest Foundation Reauthorization Act of 2015", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Nutrition, hearing entitled "Past, Present, and Future of SNAP: The World of Nutrition, Government Duplication and Unmet Needs", 1:30 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Defense, markup on Defense Appropriations Bill, FY 2016, 9:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol. This markup will be closed.

Full Committee, markup on Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations Bill for FY 2016, 10:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled "Reforming the Workers' Compensation Program for Federal Employees", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 6, the "21st Century Cures Act" (continued), 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn. Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, markup on a discussion draft of the "FCC Process Reform Act of 2015"; a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission to publish on its Internet website changes to the rules of the Commission not later than 24 hours after adoption; a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission to publish on the website of the Commission documents to be voted on by the

Commission; a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require identification and description on the website of the Federal Communications Commission of items to be decided on authority delegated by the Commission; a bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to submit to Congress a report on improving the participation of small businesses in the proceedings of the Commission; a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for a quarterly report on pending requests for action by the Federal Communications Commission and pending congressional investigations of the Commission; and a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for publication on the Internet website of the Federal Communications Commission of certain policies and procedures established by the chairman of the Commission, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 432, the "SBIC Advisers Relief Act of 2015"; H.R. 686, the "Small Business Mergers, Acquisitions, Sales, and Brokerage Simplification Act of 2015"; H.R. 1334, the "Holding Company Registration Threshold Equalization Act of 2015"; H.R. 1525, the "Disclosure Modernization and Simplification Act of 2015"; H.R. 1675, the "Encouraging Employee Ownership Act of 2015"; H.R. 1723, the "Small Company Simple Registration Act of 2015"; H.R. 1847, the "Swap Data Repository and Clearinghouse Indemnification Correction Act of 2015"; H.R. 1965, the "Small Company Disclosure Simplification Act"; H.R. 1975, the "Securities and Exchange Commission Overpayment Credit Act"; H.R. 2064, the "Improving Access to Capital for Emerging Growth Companies Act"; H.R. 2354, the "Streamlining Excessive and Costly Regulations Review Act"; H.R. 2356, the "Fair Access to Investment Research Act of 2015"; H.R. 2357, the "Accelerating Access to Capital Act of 2015"; and a resolution to name a new Republican Member of the Committee to subcommittees, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled "Egypt Two Years After Morsi: Part I", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn. Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, markup on H.R. 1853, to direct the President to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan in the International Criminal Police Organization, and for other purposes; and H. Res. 235, expressing deepest condolences to and solidarity with the people of Nepal following the devastating earthquake on April 25, 2015; hearing entitled "Everest Trembled: Lessons Learned from the Nepal Earthquake Response", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled "Developments in Rwanda", 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1300, the "First Responder Anthrax Preparedness Act"; H.R. 1615, the "DHS FOIA Efficiency Act of 2015"; H.R. 1626, the "DHS IT Duplication Reduction Act of 2015"; H.R. 1633, the "DHS Paid Administrative Leave Accountability Act of 2015"; H.R. 1637, the "Federally Funded Research and Development

Sunshine Act of 2015”; H.R. 1640, the “Department of Homeland Security Headquarters Consolidation Accountability Act of 2015”; H.R. 1646, the “Homeland Security Drone Assessment and Analysis Act”; H.R. 1738, the “Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Modernization Act of 2015”; H.R. 2200, the “CBRN Intelligence and Information Sharing Act of 2015”; H.R. 2206, the “SWIC Enhancement Act”; and H.R. 2390, the “Homeland Security University-based Centers Review Act”, 11 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on House Administration*, Full Committee, hearing on the United States Capitol Police, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Federal Lands; and Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans, joint hearing on a discussion draft of a bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes, 9:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on a discussion draft titled the “National Energy Security Corridors Act”, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans, hearing on the “Electricity Reliability and Forest Protection Act”, 1:30 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “State Perspectives on the Status of Cooperating

Agencies for the Office of Surface Mining’s Stream Protection Rule”, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled “Advancing Commercial Weather Data: Collaborative Efforts to Improve Forecasts”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Across Town, Across Oceans: Expanding the Role of Small Business in Global Commerce”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2322, the “Public Buildings Reform and Savings Act of 2015”; H.R. 2131, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 83 Meeting Street in Charleston, South Carolina, as the “J. Waties Waring Judicial Center”; and two General Services Administration Resolutions, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways And Means*, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled “Examining the Use of Administrative Actions in the Implementation of the Affordable Care Act”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Hearing*: Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of multiple veterans service organizations, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 20

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Wednesday, May 20

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 1314, Ensuring Tax Exempt Organizations the Right to Appeal Act. The filing deadline for first-degree amendments to the bill and to Hatch Amendment No. 1221 to the bill is at 1 p.m.

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of H.R. 880—American Research and Competitiveness Act (Subject to a Rule) and H.R. 1806—America COMPETES Reauthorization Act (Subject to a Rule).

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